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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.

SANTA ANITA PARK

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Week 10 – Friday, February 24, 2017 – Sunday, February 26, 2017

WEDNESDAY
2/22/17¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was accepting entries for Saturday February 25. Steward Scott Chaney was on duty. Nine (9) races were drawn with seventy five (75) horses scheduled to start.

THURSDAY
2/23/17¹

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, February 26. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty. Scratch time for Friday, February 24 took place this morning in the racing office. Two (2) scratches, two (2) equipment changes and one (1) jockey change were submitted. All changes were activated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

Nine (9) races were drawn for Sunday, February 26. Seventy four (74) horses are scheduled to start. Prior to today's monthly CHRB meeting Bill Westermann (Chief of Licensing and Enforcement) and Robert Ekstrom, who has been hired to fill in that capacity on an interim basis, stopped by the Stewards' office. Mr. Westermann, who has been with the CHRB for fourteen (14) years, is very well respected by his colleagues for his integrity and work ethic. He is retiring this month and his shoes will be hard to fill.

CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue also stopped by the Stewards' office after the CHRB Board meeting. Chief McHargue reviewed a race replay with the duty steward.

FRIDAY
2/24/17¹

STEWARDS SWITCH

Steward Scott Chaney is off today and tomorrow for personal reasons. Safety Steward Luis Jauregui will replace him. Paul Atkinson will fill in for Mr. Jauregui both today and tomorrow.

2/24/17²**NERINA MORALES RULING (CASE NO.17SA0011)**

Steward Kim Sawyer was contacted yesterday by the business offices of Equine Medical & Surgical Group. That office informed Ms. Sawyer that P&G Stables (Nerina Morales) has paid a past due bill in the amount of \$14,567.83 to that equine medical group. Ms. Morales failed to appear at a hearing earlier this month and was suspended in LATS Ruling #053. The following ruling now reinstates the license privileges of Nerina Morales.

Ruling LATS #73

Owner NERINA MORALES (dba P&G STABLES LLC), having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$14,567.83 to Equine Medical & Surgical Group) is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #053 issued at Santa Anita Park Winter/Spring Meet on February 4, 2017, is set aside.

2/24/17³**RUBEN FUENTES FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey Rueben Fuentes appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride in the second race on Sunday, February 24. Apprentice Fuentes was aboard #2 Conquest Cobra who finished third in this 1 1/16th mile main track event. At the ¼ mile marker #2 Conquest Cobra shifted out into the path of second place finisher #3 Conquest Cobra (Victor Espinoza) and fourth place finisher #4 He Will (Mike Smith) forcing both of those rivals off their path to varying degrees. Fuentes told the Stewards he heard a rival jockey to his inside shouting at him and that was the reason for his mount shifting. The Stewards told this rider to be clear of rivals before shifting off of his straight path even when rival jockey's holler.

2/24/17⁴**JAMIE JOHNSON COMPLAINT/HEARING (CASE NO.17SA018)****MARTA DONIS COMPLAINT/ HEARING (CASE 16SA221)**

Two (2) complaints were heard in one (1) informal setting here this morning. Separate complaints allege that Pony Rider Jamie Johnson and Groom Marta Donis each violated CHRB Rule #1874 (2) (3)(Disorderly Conduct) on January 20, 2017 in the Santa Anita stable area. Nine (9) people attended today's hearing. They were 1. Trainer Jeff Bonde (Character Witness) 2. Byron Carter (SA Security) 3. Mark Mattick (SA Security) 4. Jamie Johnson (Respondent/Pony Rider) 5. Marta Donis (Respondent/Groom) 6. Antonio Gutierrez (Exercise Rider/Witness) 7. Jose Bonilla (Groom/Witness) 8. CHRB Investigator James Hamilton and 9. Peter Scimeca (SA Security).

On the day in question Pony Rider Johnson is seen on security video camera striking out (flicking) at Groom Donis with the leather portion of a horse shank. These two (2) licensees were involved in an ongoing dispute. Ms. Johnson's two (2) ponies were stabled between two (2) thoroughbred trainers and some neighborly disputes had been arising. Groom Donis had been allegedly using vulgar language towards Ms. Johnson on previous occasions. Santa Anita management ordered Pony Rider Johnson off the grounds and she has not worked since this incident. This hearing lasted over one (1) hour in duration. The Stewards' will attempt to 'sort out' the events of this day and reach a conclusion in this matter. Decision to follow.

2/24/17⁵**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and or jockey objections.

2/24/17⁶**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1 st Race Declaration	#3 CROWN THE KITTEN, Tr. S. McCarthy - Injured- Dana Stead D.V.M. REFUND: \$2,303.44
1 st Race	#1 EBADAU (IRE) (Tr. N. Drysdale) claimed, D.O'Neill, trainer
2 nd Race	#2 PRINCESS Tiznow (Tr. M. Puype) claimed, J. Brocklebank, trainer

3rd Race #6 AUTUMN TWILIGHT (Tr.S.Miyadi) claimed, M.Pender, trainer
 4th Race Declaration #6 CANDY CODED, Tr. D. Hofmans - Injured-Dana Stead D.V.M
 REFUND: \$647.60
 6th Race #4 LIBERTY JACK (Tr. M. Ann Ewing) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr., trainer
 7th Race #7 FILLY ON FIRE (Tr. M.Glatt) claimed, D. Pedersen, trainer
 8th Race Declarations #3 MOONLESS SKY, Tr. E.Truman - Late Scratch-loose on track-
 Stewards
 #4 HAUTE STYLE, Tr. C. Lewis - Late Scratch-loose on track-
 Stewards
 REFUND TOTAL: \$54,061.53

2/24/17⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,515	\$667,766.80
SCOTWinc	4,517	\$1,405,602.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,641,246.04
Total	8,032	\$6,714,615.14

SATURDAY
 2/25/17¹

DANIEL ARAGON COMPLAINT (CASE NO.16SA164)

A complaint was filed by the California Horse Racing Board against Pony Rider Daniel Aragon for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489 (A)(1) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License). California Horse Racing Board enforcement was recently notified that Aragon pled guilty on January 13, 2017 to 215.5 PC (Robbery) in Los Angeles County. He is currently in custody at North Kern State Prison Delano CA) therefore he did not appear at today's hearing. The stewards' issued the following ruling.

RULING LATS #74

Pony Rider DANIEL ARAGON having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(1) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – Pled Guilty to Robbery - Felony), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges DANIEL ARAGON are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), DANIEL ARAGON is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

2/25/17²**MICHAEL MCCARTHY RULING****RULING LATS #75**

Trainer MICHAEL MCCARTHY is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – directing his exercise rider to back track in front of starting gate).

Santa Anita Outrider Juan Bustamante issued a violation notice to Exercise Rider Nicole Ann Diodoro for backtracking in front of the starting gate during morning training hours on the morning of February 20, 2017. Ms. Diodoro and Trainer Mike McCarthy appeared yesterday to discuss this matter. Trainer McCarthy told Duty Steward Sawyer that he instructed this exercise rider to do as such. Trainer McCarthy therefore accepted the penalty above for violating Santa Anita morning training procedures.

2/25/17³**DEAN GREENMAN COMPLAINT (CASE NO.17SA022)**

Trainer Dean Greenman appeared in our office today to answer to alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). The complaint reads as follows:
 Trainer Dean Greenman is indebted to Wild Ponies LLC (Pam Caviness) for ponying thoroughbred race horses. Total \$540.00.

This hearing was originally scheduled for Saturday February 18, 2017. Pam Caviness requested for a continuance due to personal reasons and was notified of today's new hearing date. Ms. Caviness failed to appear at today's hearing. Case dismissed.

2/25/17⁴**JAMIE JOHNSON RULING (REF: CASE NO.17SA018)**

The ruling below was issued after the Stewards deliberated following a hearing held in our office on Friday, February 24. (REF: 2/24/17⁴). The decision was unanimous.

RULING LATS #76

Pony Rider JAMIE JOHNSON is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (2) (3) (Disorderly Conduct – aggressive behavior – struck another licensee).

2/25/17⁵**MARTA DONIS COMPLAINT (REF: CASE NO.16SA221)**

The ruling below was issued after the Stewards deliberated following a hearing held in our office on Friday February 24. (REF: 2/24/17⁴) The decision was unanimous.

RULING LATS #77

Groom MARTA DONIS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (2) (3) (Disorderly Conduct – abusive behavior – language).

2/25/17⁶**WIN ONLY WAGERING**

In today's third race (Sensational Star Stakes-\$100,000 Guaranteed) the original five (5) horse field was reduced to three (3) with two (2) late 'stake scratches'. The Martin Jones trained Ambitious Brew (Mike Smith) won this 6 ½ furlong turf event at odds of three to one (3/1). Place and show wagering was dropped after the two (2) late declarations.

2/25/17⁷**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

2/25/17⁸**PROGRAM CHANGES**

2nd Race Jockey Change #5 LASER S.Elliott for L. Contrearras (Leaving Town after 1st Race)

3rd Race Declarations #3 ACCEPTANCE, Tr. K. Black - Stake-Stewards
#5 FOREST CHATTER, Tr. R.Mandella - Stake-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,503.24

5th Race Declaration: #6 BLUSHING ANN, Tr. J.Carava Sick - Will Farmer D.V.M.
REFUND: \$766.27

7th Race Declaration #2 UNCLE BILLY, Tr. P.Miller - Injured-Dana Stead D.V.M.
REFUND: \$2,924.01

8th Race #1 LAZZAM(GB), Tr. R. Baltas - Poor Warm-up-Dana Stead D.V.M.
#3 ABOVE BOARD, Tr. S. Gonzalez Sick- Dana Stead D.V.M.
REFUND TOTAL: \$124,339.43

9th Race Declaration #1GOSOFAR, Tr. A. Kitchingman Sick- Dana Stead D.V.M.
REFUND: 1,840.28

2/25/17⁹**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,119	\$1,377,325.50
SCOTWinc	6,319	\$2,299,368.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,990,680.45
Total	14,438	\$9,667,374.05

SUNDAY
2/26/17¹

ROUTINE MORNING

There were no jockey film reviews or stewards hearings this morning. The stewards oversaw entries for Friday, March 3 and handled other regular matters in their office prior to the day's races.

2/26/17²

SMOOTH CARD

For the fourth racing day in a row there were no Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objection's on the racing card.

2/26/17³

OFF TRACK

The official track rating for today's first race was 'good'. After the first race the track was listed as 'fast' for the remainder of the day. About forty five (45) minutes prior to today's nine (9) race card four (4) horses worked out on the main track. One (1) horse was in the Peter Eurton stable and three (3) were for Trainer Bob Baffert.

2/26/17⁴

LUIS CONTRERAS RULING

LATS #078

Jockey LUIS CONTRERAS is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report) and California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement) in the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 25, 2017.

The ruling above was issued after Jockey Agent Craig O'Bryan informed the stewards' that his rider, Luis Contreras, told him he wanted to ride the first race today but wished not to fulfill his agreement to ride in today's second race. This necessitated a late jockey change off of the program. Jockey Contreras is done riding here at this meet according to Agent O'Bryan. He is taking his tack back to Oaklawn Park in Arkansas where he will apply his trade.

2/26/17⁵

PROGRAM CHANGES

1 st Race	OFF TURF
1 st Race Declarations	#3 GREAT, Tr. P. Capestro - Off Turf-Stewards #4 PAGEAU, Tr. K. Desormeaux - Off Turf-Stewards #5 GOTNOQUIT, Tr. M.Puype - Off Turf-Stewards #7 OREGON, Tr. J.Sheriffs - Off Turf-Stewards #9 SIXES, Tr. R.Baltas - Off Turf-Stewards #10 CONQUEROR, Tr.V. Cerin - Off Turf-Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$7,006.16
2 nd Race	#1 Pashito (Tr. M.McCarthy) claimed, J.Sadler, trainer— VOID — LAME (W.Farmer D.V.M.)
3 rd Race Declaration	#2 MARTICULATE, Tr. B.Spawr - Track Condition—Stewards REFUND: \$8,785.86
3 rd Race	#1 FOREST BLUE (Tr. J.Mullins) claimed, A.Saavedra, trainer #3 BASINCA (Tr. R.Diodoro) claimed, P.D'Amato, trainer
4 th Race	#2 LABOUR (ARG), Tr.M.Puype - Off Turf— #4 COUNTY LINEMAN, Tr. V. Cerin- Off Turf - Stewards #7 LINDANTE, Tr. J.Fanning - Off Turf-Stewards #10 GUGGENHEIM, Tr. J. Sherriffs - Off Turf-Stewards #11 HOT MARKET, Tr. A. Garcia - Off Turf-Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$1,856.64
6 th Race	#1 STORMY ROCIT, Tr. P.Miller - Sick-Dana Stead D.V.M. #4 BLUE ANCHOR, Tr.M.Glatt - Track Condition-Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$1,245.71

9th Race #2 IANCOL, Tr. D. Azcarate - Sick-Dana Stead D.V.M.
REFUND: \$206.46

9th Race #4 MOMENTS NOTIZ, (Tr.B.Spawr) claimed, P.Miller, trainer
#10 AIKAU, (Tr.V.Belvoir) claimed, R. DeLeon, trainer

2/26/17⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,840	\$1,095,920.70
SCOTWinc	5,493	\$1,919,807.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,057,043.02
Total	11,333	\$8,072,770.92

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 1/30/17 – 2/5-/17

Horses on Vet List 16
Horses off Vet List 16
Shock Wave Therapy 20
Fatalities 1
Medication 0

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

SUMMARY

	Fri 2/24/17	Sat 2/25/17	Sun 2/26/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	8
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	1	2	38
Claims	6	0	4	10	106
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	8
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	18
Refunds	3	5	5	13	238
Rulings	1	4	1	6	77
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	28

Respectfully submitted,

 Grant. W. Baker, Steward

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward